GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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CRICKET SERIES BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL;JAI PRAKASH

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of International Cricket Council in his recent visit to India has discussed with the Government the issue of orgaising a Cricket Series between India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details of other issues discussed in the meeting and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate a clear-cut policy on Indo-Pak cricket matches;

(d) if so, the time by which such a policy is likely to be formulated; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The President of the International Cricket Council recently called onthe Minister (Youth Affairs & Sports). The issue of India hosting the ICC Knock Out Cricket Tournament in 2002 was discussed during the meeting.

(c) to (e): The Government are of the view that in the present circumstances it would be inappropriate for the Indian Cricket team to participate in any bilateral series between the two countries. It has also been decided that India should not participate for three years in any cricket match to be played at non regular venues.